

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments of the DD/I on the Inspector General's Survey of the Office of Current Intelligence.

1. In his memorandum of 8 August 1955, the DD/I states that he concurs in four of the recommendations; that three others are "essentially hortatory;" and that he opposes 18 recommendations, which include all of the most significant. The comments conclude with a recommendation that the DCI "disapprove the findings of the Inspector General as a whole and direct implementation merely of the specified recommendations acceptable to you."

2. The DD/I states that "in general the Inspector General's survey shows a lack of practical and realistic appreciation of a current intelligence operation and in consequence is less helpful than it might have been." The Inspector General has had almost 13 years experience in CIA and its predecessor organizations, which exceeds the combined intelligence service of the DD/I and the AD/CI. Further, the Inspector General--as the then Executive Assistant to the DCI--participated in the discussions leading up to the establishment of OCI. The Inspector General is, therefore, more aware than the DD/I and the AD/CI of the original objectives intended for OCI. These objectives were in conformity with the statutory functions of the Agency and with the Dulles-Jackson-Correa Report. The recommendations in the OCI survey were designed to bring the Office back to these objectives.

3. The OCI survey was conducted by a team of three intelligence officers having a total of 24 years diversified intelligence service and an average of over six years service in CIA. None of these officers had been a member of

OCI nor had they an "ax to grind." They interviewed 166 individuals--92 members of OCI, 41 members of other components of the Agency and 33 representatives of other agencies. The latter group included the Executive Secretary of the NSC, the White House Staff Secretary for Intelligence, and either the senior intelligence officer or his deputy in the Department of State, the three military services, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Staff.

4. The conclusions and recommendations of the survey were reached independently by the team and were reviewed and approved by the Inspector General after presentation of the supporting evidence. They were based on: (a) Facts obtained from the interviews; (b) observation of various activities of the Office; (c) analysis of the statutory functions of the Agency and its current intelligence authorities and responsibilities; (d) research into the origin of the Office and its publications; (e) customer reaction to OCI publications; and (f) review of the Dulles-Jackson-Correa Report, the Brownell and Robertson Reports, minutes of UCIB meetings for 1954 and 1955, material prepared by OCI for the Clark Committee, and other documentary data.

5. My annual report for fiscal year 1955 stated that:

"the reaction of the Office of Current Intelligence to all aspects of the Inspector General's survey may be summarized categorically as unresponsive. The Assistant Director gave continuing evidence of attempting to 'gloss over' problems which had come to the attention of the inspecting officers and demonstrating an unwillingness to be frank and forthright in discussing these matters. His assumption of this attitude appeared to have influence on certain of his senior assistants who likewise developed this attitude....."

Having noted this attitude at the start of the inspection, the survey team prepared memoranda for the record following most of the interviews and exercised particular care in arriving at its findings.

6. I do not believe it either appropriate or dignified for the Inspector General to be required to write rebuttals to comments such as those of the DD/I. However, inasmuch as almost all of the comments of the DD/I are evasive and fail to contradict the factual evidence on which the conclusions and recommendations of the survey are based, attached as Tab A are refutations of essentially all of the DD/I statements.

7. Excluding OCI, the IG has surveyed 13 components of the Agency. In these 13 surveys at least 80% of the recommendations have been accepted by the component surveyed. In the case of OCI, the DD/I recommends that the Director "disapprove the findings of the Inspector General as a whole". In view of this contrast with all other surveys, the statements in paragraphs 2-5 above, and the nature of the DD/I's comments, the only conclusion which can be drawn is that the DD/I and the AD/CI have not exercised good faith in reviewing the OCI survey.